

In paragraph 2 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 1 to 3 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 6 of U.S. Patent No. 5,582,331; claim 5 of U.S. Patent No. 5,704,518; and claims 1 to 3 of U.S. Patent No. 5,934,506. In paragraph 3 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 1 to 3 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1 to 6 of U.S. Patent No. 5,582,331 and claims 1 to 3 of U.S. Patent No. 5,934,506.

As will be explained below, the claims have not been amended.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer concurrently with the instant response. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.130(b), applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 to 3.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 to 3 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call.